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SYNOPSIS: It was recently learned that CAUTERY 3, who served as contact to the BEDLAM chain and escorted [ ] to the border for infiltration has allegedly been in Warsaw in prison since March 1952.

1. The fact that CAUTERY 3 was in Poland was brought to [ ] attention on 17 September 1953. A discussion with [ ] the former CAUTERY case officer, revealed that two letters were received by the wife of CAUTERY 3 in May 1953 from Warsaw. TYLER states that he reported this fact verbally to some member of the BEDOX section, but does not remember to whom. [ ] did not submit a written report on it assuming that this would be done by the BEDOX section. [ ] interviewed CAUTERY's 1 and 4 on 18 September in order to get all the pertinent facts.

2. CAUTERY 1 stated that CAUTERY 3 was addicted to the use of stimulants similar to Benzedrine. He stated that these stimulants were taken orally, never by injection or smoking. This fact was verified by CAUTERY 3's second wife who stated that she had never seen any hypodermic marks on his body. She did state that she had seen him take pills. (CAUTERY 3 was married to his second wife four weeks prior to his disappearance in the East Zone). CAUTERY 1, who has had considerable Police experience, states that CAUTERY 3 showed no symptoms of a drug addict and to his knowledge the use of stimulants was kept very well under control. He stated that he was aware of the fact that Caution 3 used stimulants as early as autumn 1950 when he asked for assistance in procuring them just after he was hired.

3. Concerning the disappearance of CAUTERY 3, CAUTERY 1 and 4 relayed the following:

A. An 18 year-old girl from Dresden, Krysta Krombegg, reported to the CAUTERY chain that she knew a Soviet officer, Senior Lieutenant, who wanted to defect. She came to Berlin in January 1952 stating that he was ready to come over. The CAUTERY chain provided her with an East Zone document (for which she supplied the photograph of the Soviet Lieutenant) and a set of civilian clothing. The girl and Lieutenant failed to show up at the appointed time in West Berlin.

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- B. The CAUTERIES waited until May 1952 before taking any further action on this lead. On approximately 10 May 1952 CAUTERY 3 was sent to Dresden in order to carefully investigate the girl. He arrived in Dresden and each day for three days sent a postcard which was pre-arranged signal that everything was in order. On the fourth day he sent a telegram which arrived on the fifth day in West Berlin. The open code message indicated that he was in grave danger.
- C. On the 29th of May 1953 CAUTERY 3's second wife received two letters from Poland from CAUTERY 3. One of the letters was dated 8 March 1953 and postmarked 13 May and the other letter was dated 29 March and was postmarked 13 May. The letters simply stated that he was in good health and asked her to send him "lard", cigars and chocolate. CAUTERY 3's wife reported this to the CAUTERY chain. They provided her with funds to purchase the items and she sent a package during the first week in June 1953. She also wrote him a brief letter telling him that she was sending the package. In October 1953 the package was returned to CAUTERY 3's wife. [ ] was shown the wrapper from the package and found the following written on it:

To: CAUTERY 3  
Ul. Rakowiecka 37  
Warszawa, Mokotow, Polska.

Written in pencil: "Administracja Wiezienia Odmawia Oplaty Celnej" 19.VI.53 (The Prison Administration refuses to pay the duty. 19 June 1953).

Also written on the package in pen is the phrase: "Wiezienie paczek nie przyjmuje." (Prison does not accept packages.)

It would appear from the above that CAUTERY 3 is in the Mokotow Prison in Warsaw.

- D. On the 3rd of August another letter arrived from CAUTERY 3 again asking for foodstuffs, and tobacco.

(COMMENT: From the above it would appear that either CAUTERY 3 is in the MOKOTOW Prison in Warsaw or that through some arrangement between the East German Police and the Polish authorities his letters are being forwarded from there. In view of the fact that the Polish authorities would take this much interest in the case they must have been able to break him or substantiate some of his activities for BEDOX operations.)

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E. CAUTERY 3's first wife lived in West Berlin but continued to work in the East Zone after the arrest of CAUTERY 3. On 9 April 1953 she was arrested and has not been heard from since.

4. [ ] recently reported that [ ] was in the Mokotow Prison. It is conceivable that the Polish authorities have succeeded in establishing the link between CAUTERY 3 (who escorted [ ] to the border) and [ ]. It does not necessarily follow that [ ] has revealed the existence of [ ] nor that CAUTERY 3 has identified BEDLAM 5. [ ] is the border escort who met CAUTERY 3 on the German side of the border for regular contacts. CAUTERY 3 did not know the identity of [ ] and would probably have an inadequate physical description since he only met him at night in an unlighted wooded area.

5. It appears highly unlikely that CAUTERY 3 was a SSD or UB agent prior to his disappearance. This theory seems to be borne out by the fact that he met and delivered unopened on a very tight schedule reports from the BEDLAM chain in Poland handcarried and delivered to him by [ ] and that no harm befell [ ] while he escorted them. In addition to this CAUTERY 3 was used extensively in REDCAP operations which the SSD or RIS could not have permitted if he were controlled. It is also likely that we should have had some reaction from the BEDLAM chain if the UB had been successful in rolling it up. This is not the indication to date. (We have not lost sight of the fact that the BEDLAM chain in its entirety could be a UB controlled operation but consider this relatively unlikely for reasons enumerated in previous progress reports on the BEDLAM operation.)

6. We do not believe that any security action in the BETTOR or BEDLAM operation should be undertaken at this late date. If they have not been taped to date it is highly unlikely that they are in danger any longer. We have instructed CAUTERY 3's wife to send him a letter explaining that the package she had sent was returned and to ask him for instructions as to how to get it to him. She will also ask him if there is anything that she could do, why he was arrested, when he is going to be released and any other questions which would be normal for her to ask him. She will also tell him that she is well and in good financial condition so that she is in a position to help him.

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7. We envision the possibility that this letter may provoke a recruitment attempt ~~attempt~~ on the part of the UB or SSD of CAUTERY 3's wife. She is being instructed by CAUTERY 4 to stall such an approach sufficiently long for us to take action. We have discounted the danger of her being kidnapped since she is not at all informed of the activities of her husband or the CAUTERY chain and does not even know CAUTERY 4 by his true name. Her only means of contact with the CAUTERIES is an agent phone number.

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